



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Liu *et al.***Application No.** 10/017,168**Filed:** December 14, 2001**Confirmation No.** 9437**For:** COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR
DETECTING TREPONEMA PALLIDUM**Examiner:** Vanessa L. Ford**Art Unit:** 1645**Attorney Reference No.** 6395-61666-01**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

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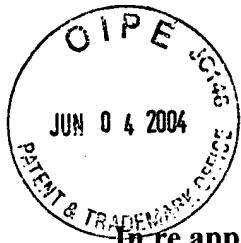
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This Response to Final Office Action (“Response”) is filed in response to the final Office action, dated March 2, 2004. A three-month period for reply was set, making a response due on or before June 2, 2004. It is believed that no fees are required in connection with this filing; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be required to the deposit account referenced on the accompanying transmittal letter.

No claim or other amendments are made in this Response. Remarks begin on page 2.
A Conclusion is set forth on page 8.